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U. S. ASKED TO STOP EXPORTATION OF CONTRABAND

DECISIVE OPERATIONS IN WESTERN ARENA CHECKED; EASTERN CAMPAIGN SLOW

TURKS APPEAR TO BE MAKING GAINS AGAINST RUSSIAN ARMY OF CAUCASUS—FRENCH AVIATORS BOMBARD ZEPPELIN SHED NEAR BRUSSELS—ARTILLERY DUELS ALONG AISNE LINE—LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE RE-OPENS—GERMANS ADMIT THAT FRENCH HAVE TAKEN STEINBACH

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Delegates from New York, Chicago and Baltimore German-American societies and lodges of the Ancient Order of Hibernians are urging the senate to prohibit the exportation from the United States of all contraband.

The Germans have sent a memorial to President Wilson which says:

"You cannot imagine what chagrin and bitterness fills Americans of German descent to see the resources of this great nation which we helped to build placed at the disposal of enemies proclaiming the avowed purpose of crushing our ancestral home. Do not think, Mr. President, that assertions of our neutrality are justified when it is merely formal and actually non-existent."

Rain and Snow Halt Big Army Moves

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—Unprecedented rains, flooding the valleys and making every road a quagmire under the hoofs and artillery of the marching armies, continue to prevent any decisive major operations in the western theater of war. The movement of troops is very slow.

The Germans now admit that the French have taken Steinbach, in Alsace.

Reports from the armies contending in the eastern theater are utterly unreliable.

The Turkish campaign is apparently assuming increased importance. The Turks claim that they have captured the fortified town of Sari-Kamysli. The Russians deny this and say the Turks lost heavily in the attacks. A critical comparison of the two claims seem to indicate that the Turks are making some headway.

Both sides are losing heavily, floundering through snow, with the intense cold of winter causing much suffering among the men exposed to it.

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—Conflicting reports come from the fighting in Poland today. The Germans say that they have captured Borsemow, a strong Russian position east of Lowicz, one step nearer Warsaw. The Russians flatly contradict this, saying the German attack was a costly failure.

Caucasian Staff Reports to Russia Fighting With Turks in Intense Cold

PETROGRAD, Russia, Jan. 4.—The Caucasian general staff reports:

"At Sari-Kaysh on January 1 we captured the fifth regiment of Turkish infantry almost entire. On the following day we took 700 more prisoners and three machine-guns.

"Our total booty is now 5000 prisoners, six field-guns and 14 machine-guns.

"Our morale is excellent and the soldiers are fighting with ardor against dogged resistance under exceptionally painful conditions because of the snow and high altitude."

Battle in Alsace Sways Backward and Forward; Steinbach Focus

BERLIN, Germany, Jan. 4.—Official—"Except near Thann, the western front is comparatively quiet.

"After an overwhelming bombardment of the heights west of Sennheim, the enemy captured our demolished trenches and the village of Steinbach. We retook the heights in the night, with a bayonet charge. The fighting for Steinbach continues. "The eastern situation is almost unchanged."

French Admit One Reverse; Say Advance in Alsace is Progressing

PARIS, France, Jan. 4.—Official—"The situation is almost a complete calm today from the sea to the river Oise.

"Elsewhere intermittent artillery duels are taking place, some of them at times very violent.

"Our attack on Boureuilles has failed. Our advance in the forest of Lepretre and at Steinbach continues."

French Aviators Bombard Big Zeppelin Shed Near Brussels

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Jan. 4.—French aviators yesterday bombarded and partly destroyed a big Zeppelin shed near Brussels.

NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE
OF HONOLULU OUTLINES
HIS OFFICIAL POLICY



Mayor John C. Lane.

MAYOR URGES FRONTAGE TAX LAW BE APPLIED; SUGGESTS CITY NEEDS

Mayor Lane's inaugural message to the board of supervisors today is as follows:

To the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of Honolulu:

The establishment of local government was one of the most far-reaching and important governmental changes ever made in Hawaii. The first act, passed by the legislature in 1903, was held invalid; the second, enacted in 1905, created counties; the third, enacted in 1907, incorporated the then county of Oahu into the city and county of Honolulu. Six years of such incorporation have proven to have fallen short of the best that has been developed in recent years elsewhere.

As yet, our city government is still new and in the developing stage, and the importance of its efficiency to the community can scarcely be exaggerated, and one of the best indications in this respect is the increase of public interest in this matter that has been manifested so much of late.

The proper development of our city government is a question of the people who are the parties in interest, as distinguished from the officers and particularly those who happen to be in office for the time being. The question is entirely between the city government and those whose servants they are, and the people should in their own interests insist on the best. This is in line with the policy of popular government, which is measured by the control that the people have over the officers thereof. A government is not truly a government by the people except in so far as it is responsive and responsible to the people. In order to secure that in the largest measure in our city government, the officers who are elected by the people, more particularly the board of supervisors and the presiding officer thereof, must determine policies, and let them appoint to office those who are to carry out their policies, just as is done in business corporations; otherwise, there must be friction, lack of coordination, and absence of complete responsibility on the part of any one.

It has seemed as if little that was urgent had remained undone, and yet with the beginning of the present term of the new board of supervisors there has appeared the usual formidable array of pressing new needs that never cease to accumulate with the rapid growth of our metropolis. The time has come when, following the trend elsewhere, a further advance should be made in the administration of the affairs of our city government.

The last board of supervisors has set its mark of accomplishment for the present one to surpass, but the present board could not want for a better opportunity—let it be guided solely by a patriotic resolve to serve only the public weal.

FINANCES

The question of finances is one of vital importance in consequence of growing needs. Our city government cannot, any more than a private enterprise, be successfully financed on mere wishes, good intentions or optimism. Some business-like method is absolutely essential to safety and progress. To assume that because there was a net balance of \$55,307.33 on December 31, 1914, there is plenty of money for all purposes and that the only question is how to spend it is to illustrate the proverbial danger of a surplus, because it inspires extravagance and blinds of true facts.

The real surplus for purposes of increasing appropriations is the cash balance immediately before the bulk of the revenues come in and not shortly afterwards, for the city government has to be maintained until the next revenue period. Furthermore, not only should allowances be made for maintaining it from one tax-paying period to the next, but there should, if possible, be maintained a surplus as a margin for emergency expenditures and temporary reductions in revenues. Again, the real meaning of the apparent surplus, and the possibilities of what may safely be done with it, must

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LITTLE CEREMONY IN CHANGE OF CITY'S OFFICIALS TODAY

VALEDICTORY OF OLD BOARD GIVEN BY M. C. PACHECO

Declares People are Tired of Scrapping; Want Harmony in Public Office

OUTGOING "FATHERS" CLEAN UP THE SLATE

After Business is Disposed Of, Mayor Fern Calls for Farewell Speeches

"Failures of this outgoing board of supervisors, if there have been any, have been due to the differences between its individual members. That unquestionably is the explanation of our failure of re-election.

"The people want harmony; they are tired of scrapping. In this as in past boards there has been too much back-biting, too much bitterness, pettiness and personal grudges.

"These, I believe, were the difficulties that caused the political downfall of this board. My personal message to the incoming board is: Take this lesson to heart. I wish nothing but success to our successors, and I advise them to take this lesson from the past and enter upon the responsibilities of public office harmoniously."

Such was the frank statement of M. C. Pacheco at the final session of the retiring board of supervisors just before noon today. He expressed confidence in city and county government, handled by the people; declared the test of self-government has proven satisfactory and said that if failures or weaknesses have developed along certain lines that cannot be blamed upon the electors nor upon the system of self-government, but to individual differences which arose between the men chosen by the people to serve them. His warning to the incoming body against the danger of discord in the fulfillment of public or political policy was impressive, perhaps the most notable feature of the morning's proceedings which came to the climax at noon with the retirement of the Democratic board and the convening of the new Republican county organization.

Two Brief Meetings Held.

The outgoing board held two brief meetings during the morning, the first beginning at 10:25 a. m. and continuing for ten or fifteen minutes, the second starting at 11:30 and holding until high noon, when the Rev. Akaioka Akana, chaplain for the new board, Mayor John C. Lane and the incoming body filed slowly into the supervisory chamber through the dense crowd of spectators lining the chamber and corridor outside.

At the first session a number of bills cleaning up the old board's official affairs were presented and quickly acted upon. At the second only

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DUKE AND CUNHA TO SWIM IN TWO BIG EVENTS THIS WEEK

It has been learned here that the next swimming race in which Kahana-moku and Cunha will compete in Australia is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6th, instead of today, as originally announced.

A letter received by W. T. Rawlins from Francis Evans, who is looking after the two swimmers, said that the Hawaii party is meeting with the very best of treatment, and that all are having a fine time. A big reception was given the visiting swimmers at the Hotel Australia, Sydney, soon after their arrival.

Day after tomorrow the quarter-mile championship of Australia will be decided, and on Saturday, the 9th, the water speeders will go after the 220 yard mark.

TWO COLLISIONS REPORTED.

The automobile of James Irwin, going mauka on Alakea street, collided with the machine driven by William A. W. Hayes at Emma and Beretania streets this noon. Although both cars were badly damaged, no one was injured.

A laundry truck driven by Nigel Jackson struck a Japanese, Yoshida, while the latter was riding a bicycle on Beretania, near Nu'u street this afternoon. Yoshida was not seriously hurt.

London Stock Exchange Again Open

[Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless.]

LONDON, England, Jan. 4.—The Stock Exchange opened today after being closed down for several months on account of the war. Trading is still rigidly restricted, only cash transactions being allowed.

HE FINDS NO REASON
TO STOP ALIENS FROM
U. S. CONTRACT WORK



Secretary of War Garrison.

ENGINEER WALL PLANS END OF WATER METERS

Honolulu's water meter system will be abolished and all consumers will be charged on a flat rate basis if the recommendations of Water Engineer W. A. Wall are accepted by the new board of supervisors.

Wall declared today that defective meters of the city are costing, through failure to sufficiently record the flows, thousands of dollars annually. He stated that it is impossible for the department to secure meters that will not wear out rapidly and the accounts of the department for the past three months show that in places where a large amount of flow had previously been recorded, this quarter shows several accounts where nothing is due to the county and many others where small amounts ranging from 10 cents to \$1 are owing. In most of these places, Wall stated, the meters recorded large amounts when first installed.

"There is something in the water we use that wears out the meters so rapidly that they will not last six months," Wall declared. "The water appears to wear out the gears to such an extent that in most cases the amounts recorded are far below the correct flow and as a result the city is losing thousands of dollars annually."

"I have been sending out flat rate bills to consumers having meters which we know are defective," he continued, "as there is no minimum charge provided for in the ordinances for meter users. The meter system is decidedly impracticable in Honolulu."

HIKERS RETURN TIRED BUT HAPPY

A movement to make the trip through the crater of Haleakala more inviting to tourists and residents of the territory from a standpoint of accommodation and comfort may be taken at the instance of Alexander Hume Ford as a direct result of a three-day hike across the big mountain which was undertaken by 125 Honoluluans who returned from Maui in the Claudine shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. The trip was made under the auspices of the Trail and Mountain club.

"If the Trail and Mountain club and the Maui board of supervisors can get together in the matter of the erection of rest houses and the placing of guide posts to mark the course of the trail across the crater," said Mr. Ford today, "the trip through the crater of Haleakala can be made even a bigger promotion asset than it is now. I am positive that if the Maui supervisors will see to the erection of at least three rest houses the Trail and Mountain club will see to the marking of the trail through the crater. I am going to take this matter up at once. Praise for Ford.

It was a tired but satisfied crowd that returned to Honolulu. Of those who went through Haleakala there was not one who did not believe he had "got his money's worth." While, to some extent, there was a lack of management, everyone had a word of praise for Mr. Ford for the manner in which he engineered the trip. Practically the entire burden of responsibility rested on his shoulders and his work paved the way for the Trail and Mountain club to engineer other excursions under his supervision.

While some of the members of the party that left Honolulu on the Claudine

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GARRISON NOT ABLE TO END ALIEN LABOR

Secretary of War Declines to Interfere With Employment of Japanese at Schofield

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MOVE MEETS A CHECK

Cabinet Officer's Ruling Follows Lines of Col. Cheat-ham's Statement

[Associated Press by Fed. Wireless.] WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Secretary of War Garrison declines to interfere with the employment of Japanese at Schofield Barracks. He says he lacks legal authority to prevent such employment.

The action of Secretary Garrison as set forth in the above despatch strikes a hard blow at the movement inaugurated by the Honolulu Chamber of Commerce some months ago to restrict the awarding of federal contracts so that only citizens would be eligible. Not only army work at Schofield Barracks, but federal work of all sorts was included in action of the local chamber which retained former Governor Frear, then in Washington, to put the matter before army and navy heads, and ascertain why federal contracts could not be limited to citizen labor.

The matter was at first brought to the attention of the chamber last July in the report of the legislation committee of that body, and at subsequent meetings it came up for more or less discussion.

The attitude of army and navy officials here has been an entirely open one. The bidding has been free to all according to law, and in nearly every instance the bids of Japanese contractors have been lower than those of the citizen concerns. Most of the alien bidders have been perfectly responsible, with good business records behind them, and there has been no reason to shut them out. The matter came to a head when the big contract for the Fort Shafter hospital extension went to a Japanese.

Lieut.-col. B. Frank Chatham, department quartermaster, made the statement when the matter of the hospital contract came up that there was no law restricting the bidding to citizens, and that in army work up to that time Japanese bidders had in many instances been far lower in their figures than any other contractors. He said that the same assurance for faithful performance of contract work was required of all, and that without special instructions from the war department no distinction could be made in favor of citizen contractors and citizen labor.

INQUEST FAILS TO REVEAL NAME OF AUTO SLAYER

Testimony taken before a coroner's jury failed to reveal the identity of the driver of the automobile that killed Wataro Shibata, a Japanese boy, on Nuuanu avenue on Christmas day. An open verdict, finding that death was caused by an automobile, the number and driver of which were unknown, was returned. Deputy Sheriff Asch conducted the inquest.

Several Japanese children, companions of the boy who lost his life, testified that they came upon the scene immediately after the car had struck the boy. One witness said that the car carried number 1674, but on cross-examination admitted that he might have been mistaken as the car passed along the avenue at a high rate of speed.

The police have not completed their inquiry into the death of the boy, the investigation now being carried to a point where it is predicted that sensational developments may soon follow.

Territorial Secretary W. W. Thayer leaves today on the army transport for San Francisco to attend the dedication ceremony incident to the formal opening of Hawaii's building at the exposition.

The Peerless Automobile Company of Cleveland will employ 1500 extra mechanics to help fill an order for a large number of motor trucks for the British government.

The United Profit-Sharing Corporation of New York will increase its capital from \$350,000 to \$2,000,000.

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